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1. SUMMARY

The report categorises deep-water regions of the world according to their wind resource and its quality with a view to identifying the most suitable areas for the commercialisation of deep-water wind – including, but not limited to, the W2Power floating wind technology. An analysis is carried out on the available resource data, drawing on additional parameters and criteria in order to determine the scale and importance of high-quality deepwater wind energy resource in the context of each country (relative to other resources and countries). An objective of this study is to shed light on where, and in what context, floating wind power in deep water could be commercialised.

2. INTRODUCTION

After expanding greatly for more than 25 years – and especially after showing unexpectedly strong cost reductions since 2016, as illustrated in Fig. 1 – offshore wind has today become a major supply source of new renewable electricity along with onshore wind and solar PV.

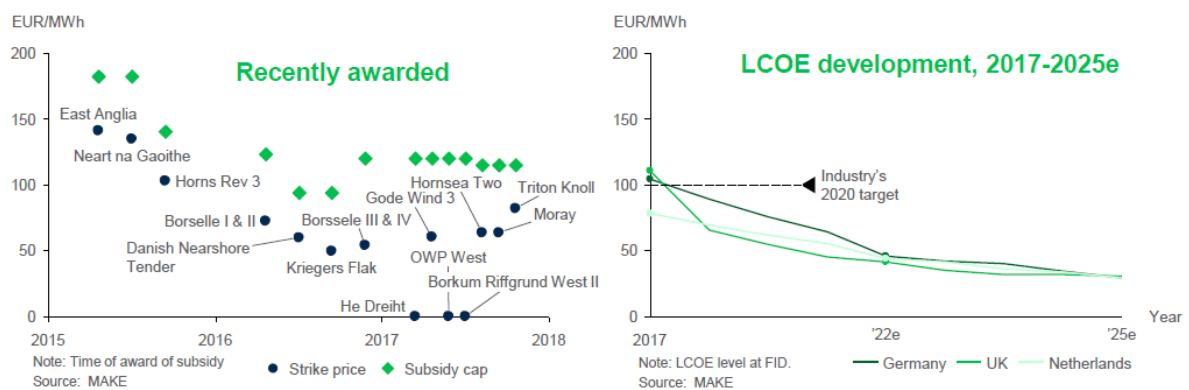


Fig.1 Some offshore projects awarded 2015-18 and falling prices for conventional bottom-fixed. Source: MAKE Consulting.

These achievements and the prospect of “subsidy-free” offshore wind parks have caused a large influx of capital and huge expectations to continued growth of the offshore wind sector.

With total wind power capacity currently around 570 GW ¹, wind industry organisations and public planners expect accelerating offshore growth in offshore from the 20 GW of capacity installed today. The offshore wind industry is expected to deliver 5 to 6 times that capacity already during the next decade. IRENA remarks that if the world is to meet the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement, the pace of offshore wind power installations will need to grow significantly. Offshore wind technology allows countries around the world to exploit greater wind resources, developing gigawatt-scale programmes close to densely populated coastal areas. This makes offshore wind an important part of the portfolio of technologies available to decarbonise the energy sector of many countries. Thus, IRENA estimates offshore wind growing to more than 520 GW installed by 2050, with 130 GW by 2030. See Fig. 2.

¹ Global Wind Report 2018, Global Wind Energy Council April 2019.

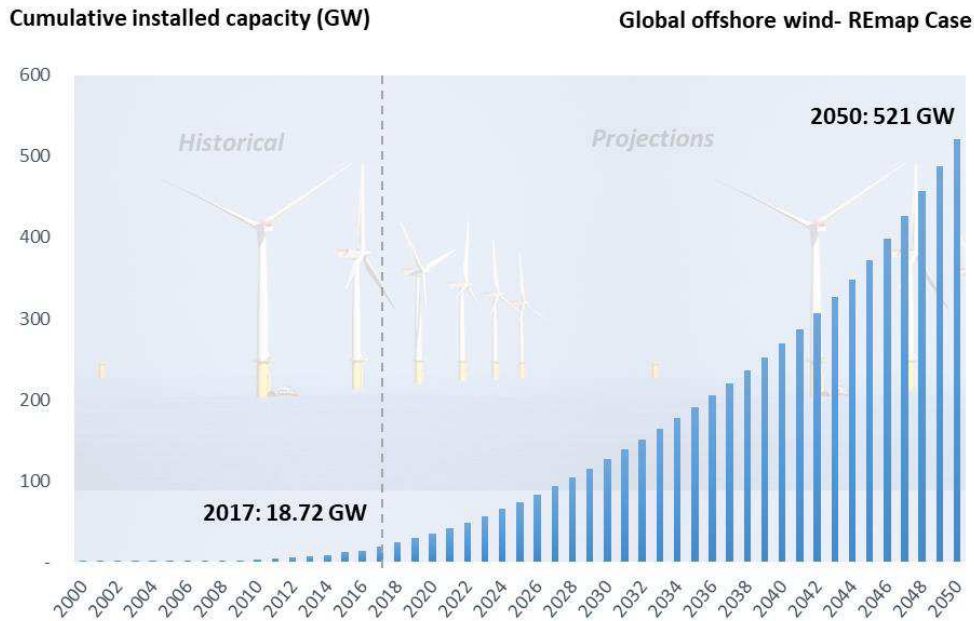


Fig. 2. IRENA scenario for global offshore wind published in September 2018 ².

Figure 3a and 3b, showing similar estimates from the Carbon Trust, captures the challenges of expanding from the 20 GW of today to the 120 GW expected (in their analysis) by 2030. If achieved, offshore wind globally will by 2030 supply as much renewable power as biomass today: 122 GW by end of 2017 ³. Biomass is the 4th-largest important source of renewable electricity today, after hydro, onshore wind and solar PV.

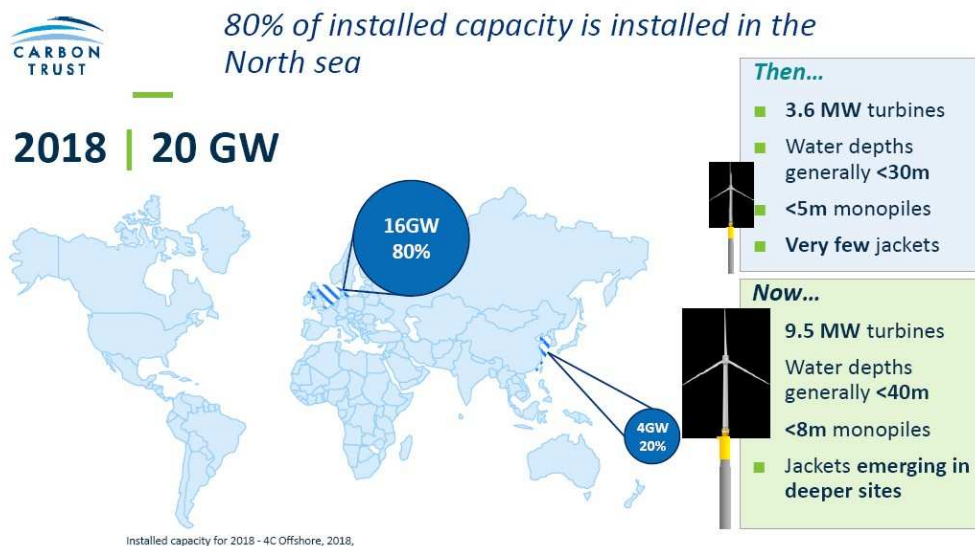


Fig. 3a. Current installed capacities of offshore wind showing some changes in turbine and installation conditions until today using bottom fixed foundations. Source: Carbon Trust.

² *Offshore innovation widens renewable energy options*, IRENA, Brief to G7 Policymakers, Sept. 2018. ISBN: 978-92-9260-079-2.

³ BP Statistical Review of World Energy 2017.



Europe will no longer be the centre for offshore wind – the industry is expanding internationally

2030 | 120 GW

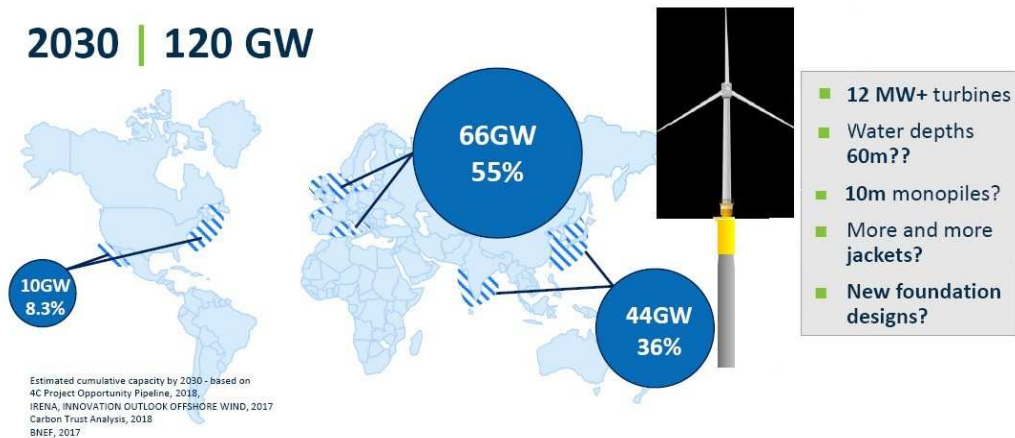


Fig. 3b. Expected installed capacities for 2030 showing changes in turbine and installation conditions. Source: Carbon Trust.

Similar to the 66 GW for European seas by 2030 in Fig. 3b, Wind Europe assumes 70 GW of offshore capacity installed in Europe in addition to 253 GW onshore⁴.

In order to expand offshore wind's scope globally, enabling wind power to be cost efficiently developed also in deep water, floating solutions is a key requirement. Developers expect a significant fraction of the 2030 target capacity to be delivered by floating turbines. Estimates are typically 10 to 15 GW for 2030, e.g. by Equinor (formerly Statoil), French developer Eolfi, the UK's Carbon Trust, and various consultancies.

Floating wind turbines have been under demonstration at sea since 2008, with multi-turbine arrays are now coming on stream. The spar-buoy technology Hywind, owned by Equinor, is the most advanced, its *Hywind Scotland* 5 x 6-MW array at the Buchanan Deep, on stream since November 2017. Good production and high capacity factors have been reported. The WindFloat Atlantic project of EdP and partners is constructing a 24 MW array using semi-submersible *Windfloat* platforms to deploy in Portuguese waters from 2020. These two first floating arrays build on demonstrator units of 2.3 and 2.0 MW, respectively, tested at sea for several years. A second floating array off Scotland, *Kincardine*, has deployed one platform (the same 2MW demo unit used off Portugal), and is constructing further 5 units designed for 9.5 MW turbines with a total announced capacity of 50 MW. In France, four floating arrays of 24 to 25 MW each, one in the Atlantic and three in the Mediterranean, have been approved, a 2 MW turbine on the *Ideol* concrete barge is being tested at sea as a demonstrator. Japan has deployed and tested several floating demo units at sea using different technologies, and an array consisting of 11 concrete spar-buoy floaters is currently under construction by the company Toda. Around the world, more than a dozen technology developers are working to qualify alternate floating devices, with prototypes at various scale and maturity.

⁴ Wind Energy in Europe: Scenarios for 2030, Wind Europe, September 2017.

W2Power is one of these emerging solutions. In development for more than a decade, its design is driven by the need for low cost, which it aims to achieve by innovative combination of proven technologies intended to de-risk floating wind. The semi-submersible W2Power platform supports a pair of wind turbines, enabling rated power per unit up to currently 12 MW, using 2 x 6 MW turbines that are commercially proven today. The platform has been optimised to maximise the MW power per mass of steel, which combined with the use of a pair of turbines and other features is intended to enable the lowest cost of energy of any floating wind system. Designed as a hybrid from its first conception, W2Power has space also for additional revenue-generating activities at sea to yield an upside economic potential.

As of June 2019, W2Power has reached TRL 6 by testing a fully functional prototype at sea following from a series of staged, well-documented wave-tank test campaigns. The present DemoWind project “WIP10+” includes design, engineering and construction of a seaworthy, fully-functional prototype, and testing of this 1:6 scale unit at sea to demonstrate the viability of the W2Power solution. This will enable moving on to larger scale demonstration projects from 2020 onwards. It is expected that the inherent de-risking advantages of W2Power will make it a serious contender for the global floating market.



Fig. 4. (Left): W2Power prototype installed at sea off Gran Canaria 17.06.2019, notice tug boat leaving in background. (Right): render of the full sized 12MW W2Power. Servicing vessel and large piece being lowered onto it shows scale.

Concurrently with technology demonstration, the DemoWind project studies application areas and environmental conditions for future W2Power floating wind parks. Characterising these is the purpose of the present study. This 2019 issue is an expanded and updated report compared to the first issue from 2017. Updates are provided for the overall potential and for countries and areas of primary interest and of the methodology used.

3. WIND RESOURCE IN DEEP WATER

3.1. Overview

The single most important driver for developing deepwater offshore wind is the availability of a stronger, more stable resource. However, data is surprisingly scarce for “just how good” a resource is, especially in terms of comparing areas, so problematic for our primary interest in this study, which is comparing countries with a view to identifying attractive exploitable areas around the world.

Very high wind resources and few competing uses are widely cited reasons for pushing offshore wind to deeper waters and investing in development of floating wind. However, poorly justified resource claims give planners and decision makers misleading information. Some commonly quoted numbers for this resource are: (*sources: EWEA, NREL, Maine I.C.*)

Europe	4000 GW	“80% of the offshore wind resource is in deep waters”
US	2450 GW	“60% in deep waters”
Japan	500 GW	“80% in deep waters”

In view of the fact that total world electricity generating capacity as of 2016 is 6390 GW [1], this can give the impression that resources will not limit the deployment of deepwater wind. This is by no means true: Any resource only has a value if it can be rationally exploited.

An illustrative breakdown of the US offshore wind resource potential is given in Fig. 5. The “technical resource potential” that results, of 2058 GW, is almost twice the installed power generation capacity of the US, 1074 GW as of 2016 [1]. As technologies are developed the economic potential will increase as cost of energy goes down with increasing mature.

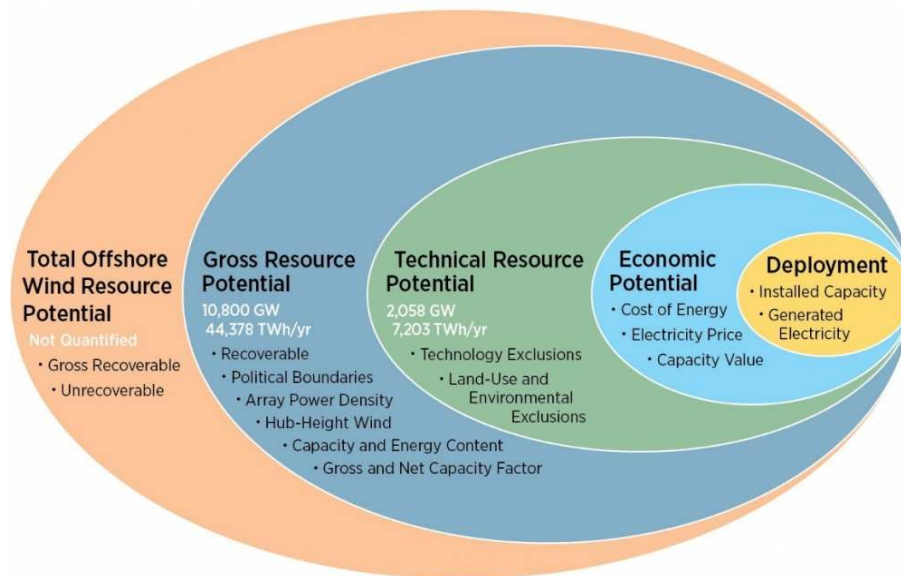


Fig. 5. Offshore wind resource potentials for the US [2].

Among the few attempts at quantifying wind resource quality is a study by NREL and DTU [3], which categorised the global wind resource into depth segments and higher- vs. lower-quality wind resource, using a simplified power curve method to assess capacity factors, *i.e.* the equivalent full load hours a generic turbine may achieve. This data set, more precisely, its embedded breakdown of *high-quality* wind resource, is the basis for the present analysis, which aims to achieve *well-justified* estimates for wind in deep water and get a more likely exploitation potential by area than a mere resource estimate.

In this analysis, geographical breakdown is by country and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). One objective of this analysis is to eliminate irrational expectations of development potential based on resource alone. Another objective is to point out where development specifically of floating solutions might be the most natural choice, based on a deeper analysis.

Table 1: Countries with >100GW offshore wind resource by [3].

Rank	GW	of world
1	Russia	7268 11.9%
2	Australia	5449 8.9%
3	Canada	4884 8.0%
4	Norway	3635 6.0%
5	New Zealand	3423 5.6%
6	Argentina	3011 4.9%
7	Brazil	2969 4.9%
8	United Kingdom	2473 4.1%
9	Japan	2460 4.0%
10	China	2200 3.6%
11	United States (48)	2090 3.4%
12	Iceland	1459 2.4%
13	Indonesia	1401 2.3%
14	Mexico	1170 1.9%
15	Viet Nam	942 1.5%
16	South Africa	900 1.5%
17	Ireland	810 1.3%
18	France	749 1.2%
19	Taiwan	652 1.1%
20	Chile	642 1.1%
21	Venezuela	569 0.9%
22	Mozambique	510 0.8%
23	South Korea	501 0.8%
24	Papua New Guinea	498 0.8%
25	Sweden	420 0.7%
26	Western Sahara	410 0.7%
27	Honduras	382 0.6%
28	Bahamas	382 0.6%
29	Greece	368 0.6%
30	Uruguay	357 0.6%
31	New Caledonia	355 0.6%
32	Italy	343 0.6%
33	Somalia	331 0.5%
34	Nicaragua	323 0.5%
35	Spain	317 0.5%
36	Suriname	317 0.5%
37	Fiji	312 0.5%
38	Ukraine	310 0.5%
39	Mauritius	294 0.5%
40	Guyana	293 0.5%
41	Namibia	281 0.5%
42	Philippines	268 0.4%
43	Tunisia	266 0.4%
44	Netherlands	261 0.4%
45	Denmark	256 0.4%
46	Madagascar	248 0.4%
47	Morocco	244 0.4%
48	Portugal	169 0.3%
49	India	162 0.3%
50	Colombia	155 0.3%
51	Jamaica	141 0.2%
52	Trinidad and Tobago	137 0.2%
53	Yemen	132 0.2%
54	Finland	131 0.2%
55	Cuba	130 0.2%
56	Romania	129 0.2%
57	Sri Lanka	126 0.2%
58	Germany	124 0.2%
59	Kenya	117 0.2%
60	Vanuatu	117 0.2%
61	Poland	114 0.2%
62	Latvia	105 0.2%

Table 1 (left) shows gross resource estimates as reported by NREL and DTU [3]. The 62 countries listed represent 98% of the world's total offshore wind resource, with the top 20 countries holding nearly 80%. The underlying data sets with our re-interpretation (see below) is given as Annex 2.

75% of total offshore wind resources are in deep waters at depths between 60 and 1000m⁵. Just 10% of the total is in shallow waters (<30m) and 15% at depths from 30 to 60m.

With a total resource 60 972 GW, nearly 10 times world current installed power generation capacity, the NREL-DTU study surely overestimates what might be even theoretically exploitable.

Fig. 6 shows the same gross estimate with a pie chart break-out for some countries with interests in offshore wind. The methodology used assigns large resources to countries with large sea areas but no special relevance: Russia, New Zealand or small island states with isolated power systems.

It is clear that a further assessment than quoting the NREL-DTU gross data is needed to get to an idea of which countries might be the most active in promoting floating wind power. With reference to Fig. 5 above, the scope is to define *accessible* offshore wind resource of high quality at relevant depth through a more in-depth analysis.

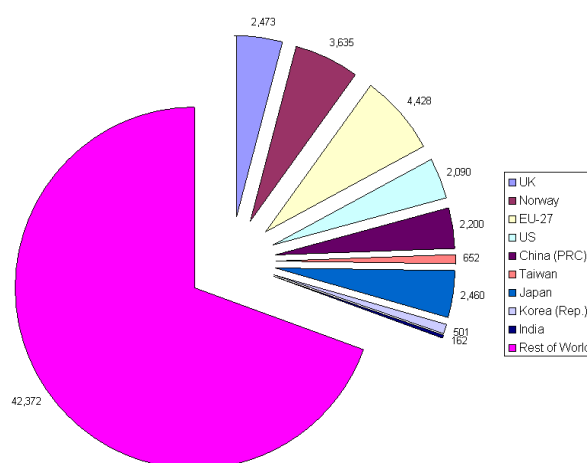


Fig. 6. Resource (GW) total for selected countries [3].

⁵ Note: the depth cut off at 1000 m is in a sense arbitrary but can reasonably well be justified. Cases are known: Morro Bay (US Pacific) where floating arrays have been considered at 1000 m deep water.

3.2. Quality of resource and sea depth.

An interesting picture emerges when looking at the resource data by quality and depth range. The NREL-DTU data defines “high quality” (or high value) resource as sea areas where their generic 5 MW turbine achieves >46% equivalent full load hours. (Various other criteria could be used - the essential feature is high and consistent wind speed.) **Table 2** is a compilation of the Top 20 countries, in each depth range, when counting only high quality resources.

Table 2. Top 20 countries for high quality offshore wind resource: <30m, 30-60m, and >60m depth

Top 20: High-value resource in shallow waters.			Top 20: High-value resource at intermediate depth.			Top 20: High-value deepwater wind.		
	GW	%		GW	%		GW	%
1 Brazil	200.5	15.9%	1 Russia	586.5	13.3%	1 Russia	3,817	14.9%
2 Australia	157.2	12.5%	2 Australia	483.2	10.9%	2 Canada	3,639	14.2%
3 Russia	138.2	11.0%	3 United Kingdom	417.5	9.4%	3 Norway	3,350	13.1%
4 United Kingdom	114.0	9.0%	4 Canada	223.6	5.1%	4 New Zealand	2,748	10.7%
5 Netherlands	110.1	8.7%	5 China	212.4	4.8%	5 Australia	1,842	7.2%
6 China	96.3	7.6%	6 Denmark	162.6	3.7%	6 United Kingdom	1,841	7.2%
7 Denmark	64.4	5.1%	7 Brazil	158.7	3.6%	7 Iceland	1,440	5.6%
8 Venezuela	55.2	4.4%	8 Netherlands	150.9	3.4%	8 Japan	1,252	4.9%
9 Taiwan	44.7	3.5%	9 Norway	148.5	3.4%	9 Argentina	849	3.3%
10 Canada	36.9	2.9%	10 Germany	96.8	2.2%	10 Ireland	770	3.0%
11 Germany	27.5	2.2%	11 New Zealand	87.6	2.0%	11 South Africa	577	2.3%
12 Argentina	25.9	2.1%	12 Taiwan	69.0	1.6%	12 Brazil	514	2.0%
13 Viet Nam	25.6	2.0%	13 France	62.2	1.4%	13 Taiwan	499	1.9%
14 France	24.5	1.9%	14 Viet Nam	59.2	1.3%	14 Chile	358	1.4%
15 New Zealand	24.3	1.9%	15 United States (48)	49.2	1.1%	15 France	310	1.2%
16 Colombia	18.7	1.5%	16 Argentina	48.8	1.1%	16 China	305	1.2%
17 United States (48)	15.7	1.2%	17 Mauritius	48.5	1.1%	17 United States (48)	248	1.0%
18 Belgium	12.5	1.0%	18 Madagascar	34.3	0.8%	18 Mauritius	236	0.9%
19 Chile	11.5	0.0%	19 Ireland	34.3	0.8%	19 Viet Nam	161	0.6%
20 Madagascar	10.8	0.0%	20 Chile	28.9	0.7%	20 Somalia	157	0.6%

The power of this more meaningful criterion is highlighted by the case of Germany: By gross data, the country that built the world's 3rd largest offshore wind power sector barely makes it onto the resource ranking (in Table 1) at no. 54 of 62. Including resource quality, the German score becomes 11th and 10th in the shallow and the intermediate depth bracket respectively. This illustrates how misleading it can be to rely only on gross resource estimates: Germany's sea space is not huge, it has no deep water, but all of its 124 GW is high quality resource.

Some observations by inspecting the listings in Table 2 compared to Table 1 stand out:

More than half of the global offshore wind resource is high quality.

Deepwater has the highest share of high quality wind resource whereas only 1/4 of the wind resource over shallow water is of high quality.

Differences between countries are very large. Generalisations in terms of “continents” (e.g. “Floating wind is very suitable for East Asia, but not for Europe”) are not meaningful.

Some countries have wind resources that are both very large and high quality. For example, Norway and Japan have >1000 GW resource, of which >95% is of high quality.

Also the UK, France, Canada, and Australia have very large resources of high quality.

The USA and China have large offshore resources, but a comparatively small fraction is high quality. The same applies for Vietnam, Brazil, Argentina and Venezuela.

Some large high quality resources are in low population countries with isolated power systems that limit the significance of development: Iceland, New Zealand, Mauritius.

Comparing countries in terms not only of total offshore resource and its depth but also its quality therefore gives new insight for exploitable areas. Since offshore developments always will carry higher costs than onshore wind, the portion of the resource of highest quality is always of most interest because it will generate the largest profit margin and justify major

developments. Other criteria such as distance from shore and other climatic constraints (e.g., strong waves) are secondary: As in all other energy industry, a large and high quality resource is the best driver for development.

Cumulating the listings of Table 2, Table 3 gives a Top 25 list of countries by cumulated high quality resources (at all depths), highlighting the percentage of high quality resource that is in deep water. (Note that the often larger deepwater resource dominates for many countries.)

3.3. Resource quality and depth: implications for some countries

Some countries have large, high quality offshore wind resources that may not be accessible. Two cases are Canada and Russia – circumpolar countries with huge, sparsely populated areas without a power grid. Russia also has a very low volume of wind power installations. Below a suggested “discounting” of resource for such lack of accessibility is given.

Table 3. Top 25 high quality resources.			
High value offshore wind			
World Top 25	GW	% in deep water	
1 Russia	4,542	14.5%	84%
2 Canada	3,900	12.5%	93%
3 Norway	3,503	11.2%	96%
4 New Zealand	2,860	9.1%	96%
5 Australia	2,482	7.9%	74%
6 United Kingdom	2,372	7.6%	78%
7 Iceland	1,459	4.7%	99%
8 Japan	1,274	4.1%	98%
9 Argentina	924	3.0%	92%
10 Brazil	874	2.8%	59%
11 Ireland	810	2.6%	95%
12 China	614	2.0%	50%
13 Taiwan	613	2.0%	81%
14 South Africa	596	1.9%	97%
15 Chile	399	1.3%	90%
16 France	397	1.3%	78%
17 United States (48)	313	1.0%	79%
18 Mauritius	294	0.9%	80%
19 Netherlands	261	0.8%	0%
20 Denmark	248	0.8%	8%
21 Viet Nam	246	0.8%	66%
22 Madagascar	153	0.5%	70%
23 Venezuela	143	0.5%	51%
24 Colombia	133	0.4%	71%
25 Germany	124	0.4%	0%

Spain	88	0.3%	90%
South Korea	66	0.2%	
Greece	35	0.1%	
Barbados	16	0.1%	
Belgium	16	0.1%	
India	13	0.0%	
	29,766	95%	

At the other extreme are countries with well-developed offshore wind sectors and shallow seas: **Germany, Netherlands, Belgium and Denmark**. These have high quality resources in shallow waters, which are fully accessible and offering a potential for new (often larger) developments incorporating past ones. This represents a large and still-undeveloped potential for new wind farms on conventional fixed foundations in the already developed southern North Sea. Thus, these countries, which anyway have no deep water, will not play any major role in floating, except maybe via their strong maritime export industries (which see the EU as their home market).

France is seen from these data to have more high quality offshore resources than the four countries just mentioned, and it also exceeds the resource of the US. Accessibility is good in both the Atlantic and Mediterranean seas. The French resource is also well balanced, with more than half in each depth bracket of high quality. It represents 3 times France's current 129 GW generation capacity, today 77.5% nuclear, making France the world's largest exporter of electricity ⁶.

High quality offshore wind is attractive as a supplement to France's reliance on nuclear. 78% of its high quality wind is in deep water, so giving France substantial driving force to develop, without being as much “forced to go deep”

⁶ World Nuclear Association, <http://www.world-nuclear.org/information-library/>

as some countries are (discussed in Sec. 3.5 below). However, the Mediterranean high quality resource lies only in deep water, while France's Atlantic and Channel coasts have wind resources of high quality located both in shallow, intermediate-depth and deep water.

The UK is very well endowed with high quality offshore wind resources across depth ranges. In shallow waters, 2/3 is high quality, and in deep water the UK resource is 78% high quality, a share equal to that of France. Scotland in particular has a very large high quality deepwater wind resource but little shallow water. A 2018 study ⁷ by ORE Catapult, commissioned by the Crown Estate office in Scotland found that the development of a fully-fledged floating wind power sector in Britain could expand into a market worth almost £34bn (€40bn) by 2050 and create as many as 17,000 new jobs.

China (PRC) and the **United States** have the world's two largest national electricity systems, each with more than 1 TW installed power generating capacity on their national grids. China generated 6495 TWh electricity in 2017, up 6.7% from the previous year, while US power consumption declined slightly to 4282 TWh ⁸. China produces and consumes more than ¼ of all electricity in the world. Interestingly, in this context, these heavyweights are exceptions to the trends observed when comparing “gross” vs. quality-adjusted offshore wind resource.

Whilst each has substantial offshore wind resources, “only” 30% of China's and 20% of the US resource ⁹ is high quality. Furthermore, the US and China both have abundant onshore resources in thinly-populated areas (the US Midwest, China's Northwest), the rather small land area fractions that have been developed there showing high turbine utilisation factors.

China has nearly 100GW of high quality resources in shallow water (such as in the intertidal zones north of Shanghai) that it has long been developing. Nationally, this may remain the priority, instead of a focus on deep water. Fig. 7 summarises offshore wind plans in coastal provinces, they sum to a pipeline of nearly 40 GW; though delayed, most of it still on-going.

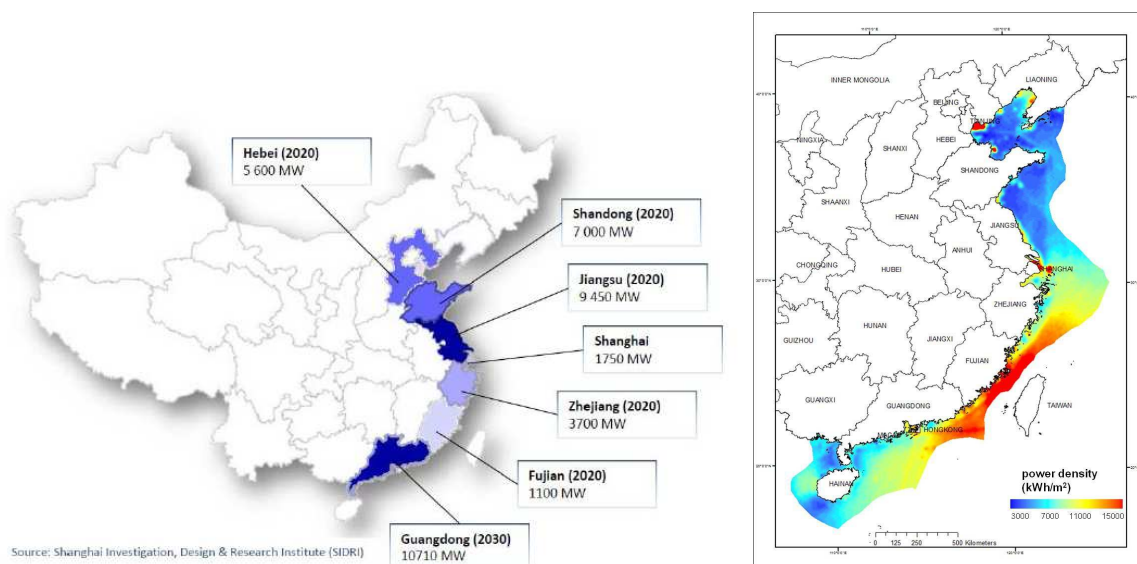


Fig. 7. Provincial plans for offshore wind power development, and (right) Coastal regions power density map. Sources: Innovation Norway 2013 and Aalborg University 2015-16.

⁷ As reported in RECharge, 29 October 2018

⁸ BP Statistical Review of World Energy, 2017.

⁹ US estimates in the NREL dataset are for the “lower 48” States only, Alaska and Hawaii forming part of the “Unclassified” resource.

Major coastal provinces such as Zhejiang, Guangdong and Fujian face ever greater power needs for their growing economies. This means that provinces that mostly have a deep water resource may take lead roles in developing these, even if national priorities are elsewhere. Currently ¹⁰, the southern Guangdong province which has both shallow and deep water is the most active and has secured that a number of its bottom-fixed projects of 400 MW to 1 GW will receive feed-in tariffs, otherwise to be replaced by auctions. Fujian previously was said to have developed plans for up to 2 GW floating wind development.

Concerning the US, as widely reported in industry press, it could develop “tens of GW” new offshore wind using fixed foundations and well-proven installation techniques in the shallow waters of the East Coast, where also some major load centers are located. The US is not at all “forced to go to deep” in order to become a major market for offshore wind. However, the differences between states are large, with strong states pursuing ambitious policies and the Pacific coast almost without any shallow water. Lead roles in developing floating wind power will be taken by individual states, not federally. The state of most interest is **California**.

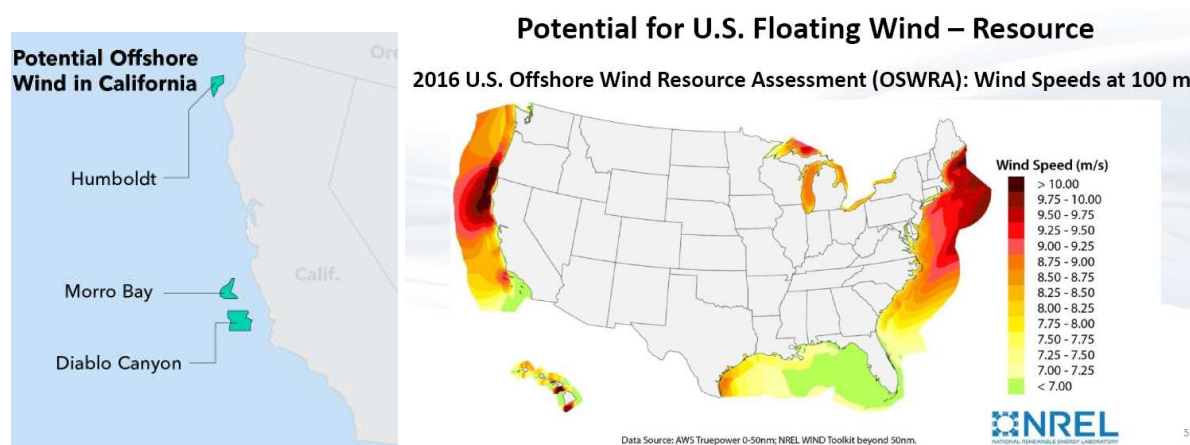


Fig. 8. (left) Planned offshore wind areas off California as of 2019 and (right) US offshore wind speed map. Source. BOEM.

The US' by far most populous state is, in fact, often treated as a country by itself. California's economy would be the world's 5th largest if it were (and also the world's largest net importer of electricity). A pioneer in renewables, both policy and technology, with 34% RES energy in 2018, California has high-quality offshore wind resources that entirely lie in deep water. The current status (April 2019) is that 14 companies submitted to the three Call Areas shown on the left figure, and BOEM (the federal agency in charge) is evaluating comments preparing a lease sale by a complex process. The floating wind turbines will be installed in waters from 200m to 1000m deep. On the East Coast, several leases have already been sold.

Some other countries. By comparing Tables 1, 2 and 3, some other countries with overall large resources (500 GW+) drop down the ranking when resource quality is included. In this group are Brazil, Argentina, Mexico and Venezuela, as well as Indonesia and Vietnam. It is natural for Brazil and Argentina with large, windy thinly-populated land areas, to develop on-shore first. Brazil is also top of the list for high quality wind in shallow water, more than its total generation capacity. Australia has a bigger resource than each of these, well distributed between depth categories, but also vast unpopulated land areas to consider developing.

¹⁰ Yuki Yu, "China's ten biggest offshore wind projects", RECharge 03.06.2019.

3.4. Corrections for Accessibility

As mentioned, two large countries skew the NREL/DTU data with huge resource estimates that are obviously not readily accessible, Canada and Russia. Much of their high quality wind resource is Arctic coastlines adjoining EEZ's with low population density and often no power grid. Thus, a heavy discount of the offshore wind resource should be applied in order to not distort the balance of resource estimates, by assigning too much resource to "Rest of World". There is good justification for discounting heavily each of these countries' resource.

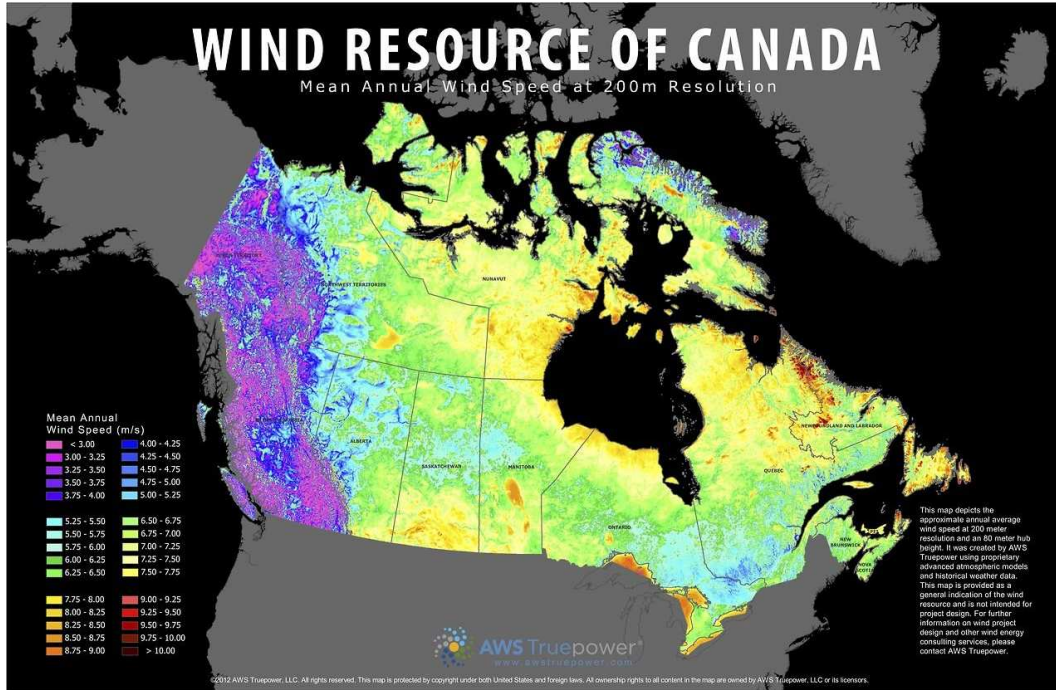


Fig. 9. Canada wind map (onshore), brown colour is high quality. Source: AWS Truepower.

For Canada an illustrative land based map is shown in Fig. 9. Extrapolating to adjoining seas (Great Lakes are outside the scope of the NREL/DTU data), it is clear that strong winds over deep-sea areas will be only in the far North-east.

Norway also shows a high resource and it has thinly populated areas in its North. However, the argument of being highly unrealistic to develop does *not* apply to it, because Norway's excellent resource is *not* confined to its remote areas. Fig. 10 shows that the strongest wind (annual mean speed >10.5 m/s) is in the south-west (North Sea, southern Norwegian Sea). Further, Norway has strong traditions in building (hydro) power stations at isolated locations, and developing grids as needed, which should apply equally to offshore wind.

The part beyond the Polar Circle does have a weaker grid and less resource quality; therefore a much milder discounting factor of 1/3 has been applied to the Norwegian deepwater wind resource.

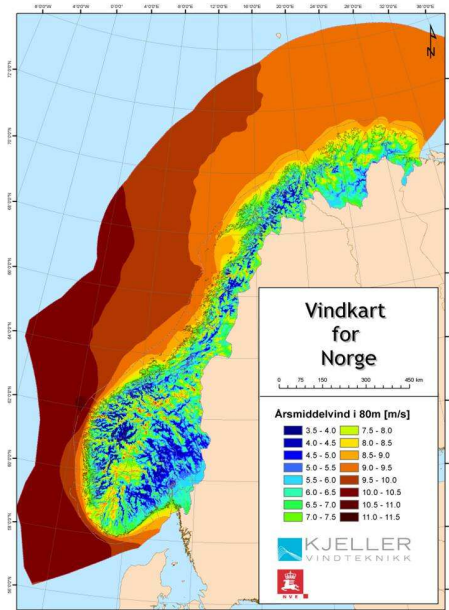


Fig. 10. Norway wind map, showing mean annual speeds on & offshore. Source: IFE.

Next, islands and isolated countries show up in NREL/DTU gross data with large resources. Examples are Iceland and New Zealand. While island markets are often useful as pilot sites, to include these at their full value in a realistic assessment of the global deepwater wind power economic potential would be misleading. These are small economies and energy systems. In contrast to Norway or Canada as discussed, such countries have no practical option nor nearby market they conceivably might export their electricity to other countries.

For these cases, the resource has been discounted to not overestimate the upper bound of potentially accessible deepwater wind resource. The % discount has been chosen so as to maintain around 50% offshore wind penetration for developed, but small/isolated economies (Iceland, NZ).

For developing countries like Mauritius, Madagascar and Barbados, and for Australia, some overload relative to today's power demand (also indicated in the data in Table 4) has been allowed taking into account future electricity market growth.

For a group of middle-income countries that also display quite high resource estimates, an intermediate-level discounting has been applied in order to limit their "unrealistic export" potential. This takes into account the limited electricity import capacity of their neighbouring countries for the foreseeable future (case of South Africa) as well as the mutually exclusive export potential for neighbouring countries (case of Chile / Argentina, Colombia / Venezuela).

Even if in normal economic times, it may be feasible for one of these country to develop an offshore wind industry that included export to the neighbour, this would not apply to both. In the latter cases the discounting factor used for the remaining resource estimate has been set to cover at least twice the current domestic (in-country) demand. A similar logic was applied to the case of Brazil, and to Vietnam for the case of its developing grid links with China.

Following the same logic, resource discounting has also been applied to Australia and, on a smaller scale, to Ireland. Ireland's huge, extremely windy sea area gives it correspondingly large resources that drown its small domestic power market (even as the "island of Ireland" power grid includes Northern Ireland a province of the UK). Discounting this as a resource is thus justified because the UK market, due to its own vast deepwater wind resource, is much less likely as an export target than the cases of Canada to US (even with its discounted wind resource base as per above) or that of Norway exporting to the EU. The small industrial base of Ireland and its significant shallow water wind resource are further limits.

The resultant corrected estimate of high-quality deepwater wind resource appears in Table 4. This data set is considered to be better suited for a more realistic assessment of resources and exploitation areas for W2Power and floating wind technologies in general. The resource discounting percentages are indicated. As a bonus, this correction methodology also gives a total resource estimate reduced from its obviously exaggerated value in excess of 25.000 GW to less than 8.000 GW. (though still much higher than world total power generation of 6390 GW – the sum in Table 4 excludes many smaller and landlocked countries.)

Table 4. Top 20 Countries for High quality wind energy resources in deep waters, GW.

	gross HQ GW's all depths	% of HQ in deep waters	apparent HQ GW's in deep waters	resource discount	corrected HQ GW's in deep waters	Total installed capacity, GW
1 Norway	3,503	96%	3,350.0	33%	2,234.5	33.9
2 UK	2,372	78%	1,840.9		1,840.9	94.6
3 Japan	1,274	98%	1,252.0		1,252.0	322.2
4 Taiwan	613	81%	498.9		498.9	48.6
5 France*	397	78%	310.4		310.4	129.3
6 China	614	50%	305.1		305.1	1646.0
7 US	313	79%	248.2		248.2	1074.0
8 Russia	4,542	84%	3,817.0	95%	190.9	263.5
9 Canada	3,900	93%	3,639.1	95%	182.0	150.3
10 Brazil	874	59%	514.5	75%	128.6	147.6
11 Australia	2,482	74%	1,841.9	95%	92.1	67.0
12 Spain*	88	90%	79.3		79.3	106.7
13 South Korea	66	99.8%	65.7		65.7	103.0
14 South Africa	596	97%	576.9	90%	57.7	47.3
15 Colombia	133	71%	93.9	50%	46.9	16.9
16 Argentina	924	92%	849.2	95%	42.5	36.5
17 Vietnam	246	66%	161.4	75%	40.3	45.4
18 Venezuela	143	51%	73.2	50%	36.6	32.2
19 Chile	399	90%	358.4	90%	35.8	22.0
20 Greece*	35	95%	33.0		33.0	18.9
* counted as "EU-27" in graphic				Sum top 25	7,776 GW	4,470 GW
Sum Top 20 + 5 by discounted deepwater HQ wind resource					GW	

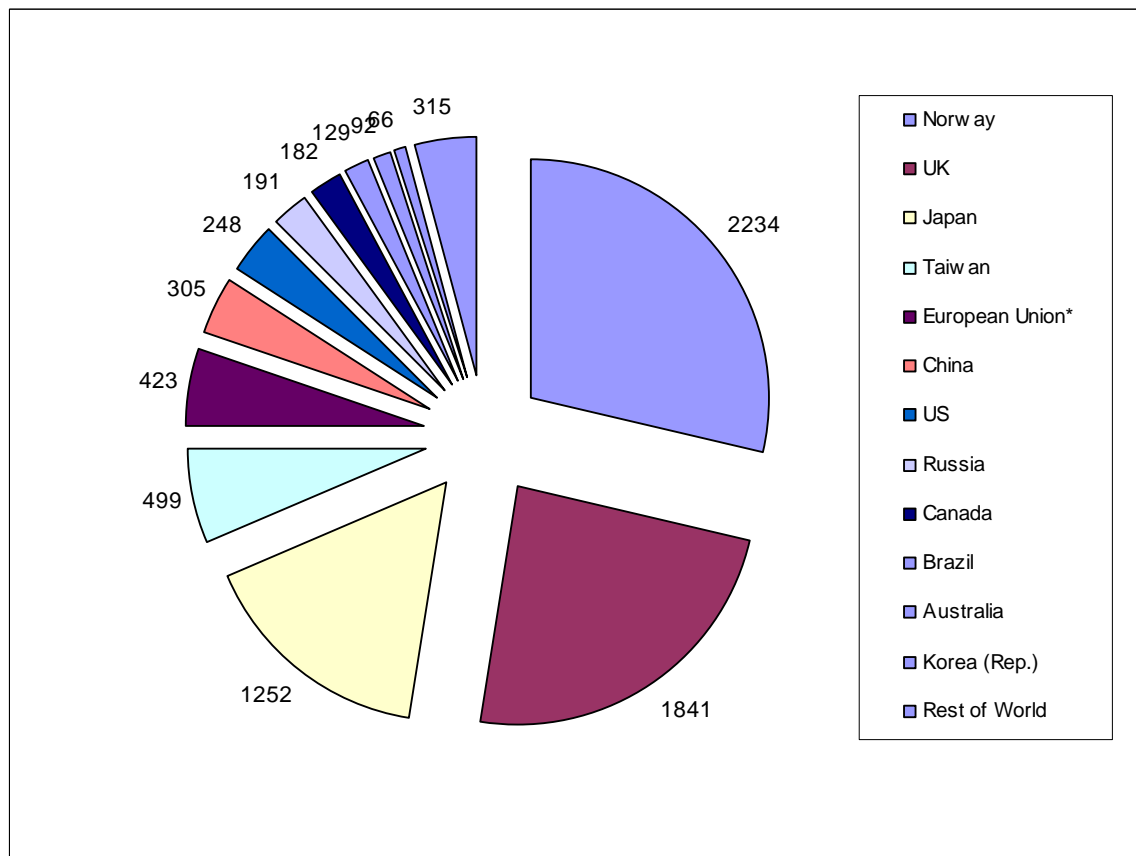


Fig. 11. Top 12 countries for accessible, high quality wind resource in deep waters, GW. (Note: "European Union" is the sum of the resource entries for France, Spain and Greece listed individually in Table 4)

Going back to the “much quoted” claims referred to on p. 7, we see that the figure 4000 GW for Europe is repeated and indeed exceeded in the processed data. However, of the nearly 4500 GW high-quality resource, half is under the control of Norway and another 41% belongs to the UK. While Norway as an EEA member is well integrated in EU markets and applies EU policies in most domains, its energy situation is quite different from that of the EU. Only 10% of the “4000 GW” is with Member States of the post-Brexit EU-27, though this is in fact a very sizable resource: twice the combined offshore wind resources of Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium and Denmark in waters less than 30m deep. Furthermore, part of the EU deepwater resource is in the Mediterranean, motivating a push for floating wind power there.

The resource of **Japan** is also greater than the “rule of thumb” value 500 MW, at least before constraints such as Japan’s important fisheries, sea lanes, protected nature areas etc. begin to be taken into account. However, for the US, while the overall claim of 2450 GW may hold, the 60% in deep water is clearly exaggerated when resource quality is taken into account as the number resulting here is more like 10%.

3.5. Outlook for specific countries.

France defines its offshore wind development by the pluriannual national energy plan (PPE). Launched in November 2018, the 2019-28 PPE was criticised by some developers for low ambition, but France remains first in the world to plan commercial volumes of floating wind ¹¹. There will be two commercial tenders dedicated to floating: for Bretagne in 2021 (250 MW at 120€/MWh indicative price) and one for the Mediterranean in 2022 (250MW at €110/MWh). (Pricing for two larger bid rounds on fixed foundations are 70 and 65 €/MWh). Meanwhile, the floating pilot arrays are going ahead with all permits to be in place in 2019 and power to grid from 2021. The PPE is structured with five to six years between the commissioning dates of the pilot and commercial farms to maximise learning and address any specific issues.

The overall timing is shown in Fig .12 and more details of the floating pilots in Fig. 13 and 14.

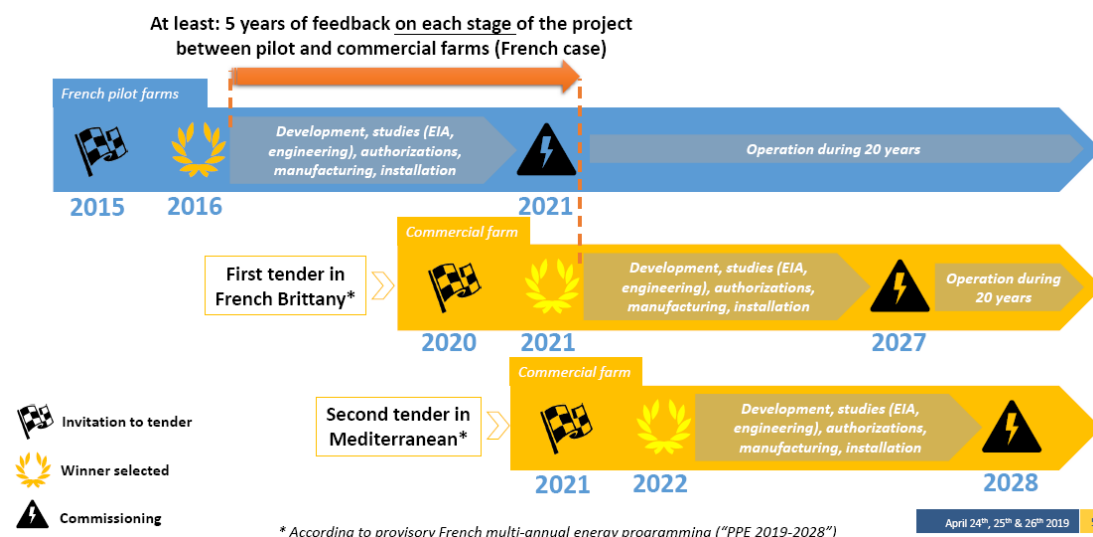


Fig. 12. Overview of the floating wind planning framework in France. Source: EOLFI.

¹¹ L. Michel, Ministry of Ecological Transition, presentation at FOWT-2019, Montpellier 24-26 April 2019.

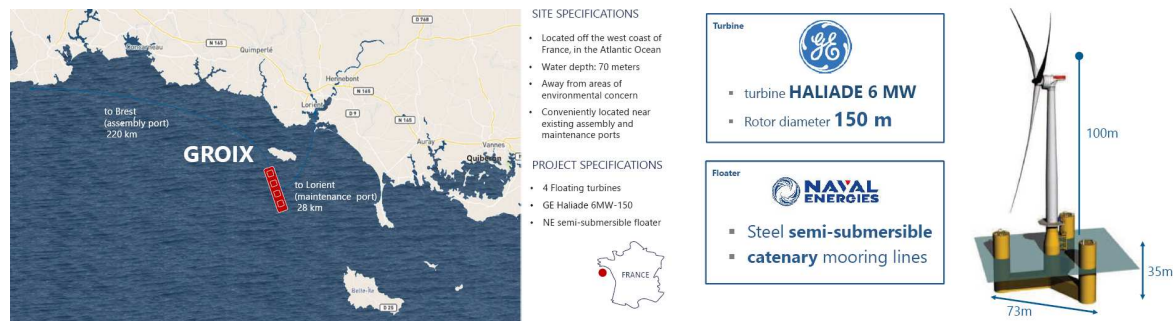


Fig. 13. The Ile de Groix pilot ("farm") floating array, with 4 x 6MW at 70 m depth, cost estimated at €200m. Source: EOLFI.



Fig. 14. (left) Mediterranean pilot farms locations and partners, (right): TLP structure (by SBM) chosen for the Provence Grand Large project at Faraman site, the only of the pilot to use 8MW turbines. Source: Pole Mer Méditerranée/EdF.

Some countries have deepwater as the only way to access large, high quality offshore wind resources with little or no potential for shallow water developments. The most prominent are **Norway** and **Japan**. These have massive resources of very high quality, sufficient to run its energy systems several times over, or in the case of Norway, to supply the EU-27 electricity markets with a large part of their electricity need, just as the country does today for gas.

High-quality wind resources located almost exclusively in deep water are also characteristics of **Spain**, **Korea**, **Greece** and the US state of **California**. Each has a high quality off-shore wind resource of similar magnitude as its total installed generation capacity, but almost no resource in shallow water. The dominance of deepwater in Korea is more pronounced than even Japan and Norway, approaching 100%. Table 5 shows key data for these 6 countries. Notice that, for all, less than 10% of high quality offshore wind resource is in shallow water.

Table 5. Countries whose offshore high quality wind resource is strongly dominated by deep water.

(all data in GW)	Norway	Japan	Korea	Spain	Greece	California
HQ offshore wind resource (Gross)	3503	1274	66	79	33	112
Resource in <30m water	<5	2	0	7	0	<3
Power generation capacity, total	33 or 113**	311	97	100	19	80
Onshore wind installed capacity, total *	1.7	3.7	1.2	23	2.4	6

Notes to Table 4: *GWEC, April 2019. **Norway is part of the Nord-Pool, of total installed capacity >113 GW, with 500-600 TWh/year traded across 6 borders (www.nordpoolspot.com). California data are from BOEM (2018).

These 6 countries, who by these criteria are “forced to go deep”, may be expected to take key or even leading roles in floating wind to access their valuable deep water wind resource. So is the EU: due to the fact that France, Spain and Greece are in this group with very high deep-water focus, a significant EU policy support drive for its development can be expected. Also, two EU countries with thriving wind power sectors, Portugal and Italy, have deep-water wind resources, but not of the high-quality class targeted by the present analysis. (For the case of Portugal, the upcoming Windfloat Atlantic array might provide results that are more promising than the resource data indicate.)

By analogy with its development in onshore wind, Italy can be considered as a likely second-phase adopter of floating wind technology, since its costs need to come further down in order to justify developing its lower-grade resource. Alternative solutions that may be available vs. the national targets committed will also play an important role, however.

Taiwan could justify a very active role due to its near 500 GW high quality resource in deep water. This zone is clearly seen on the map in Fig. 15. Taiwan, its government ambitiously reforming the power sector and aiming to replace a big part of its 42 GW generating capacity by renewables, solar and (mostly offshore) wind. Taiwan currently is the most active market in all offshore wind. More than 5.5 GW have been awarded by a mixture of feed-in tariff and auction processes, with large European developers such as Ørsted winning several.

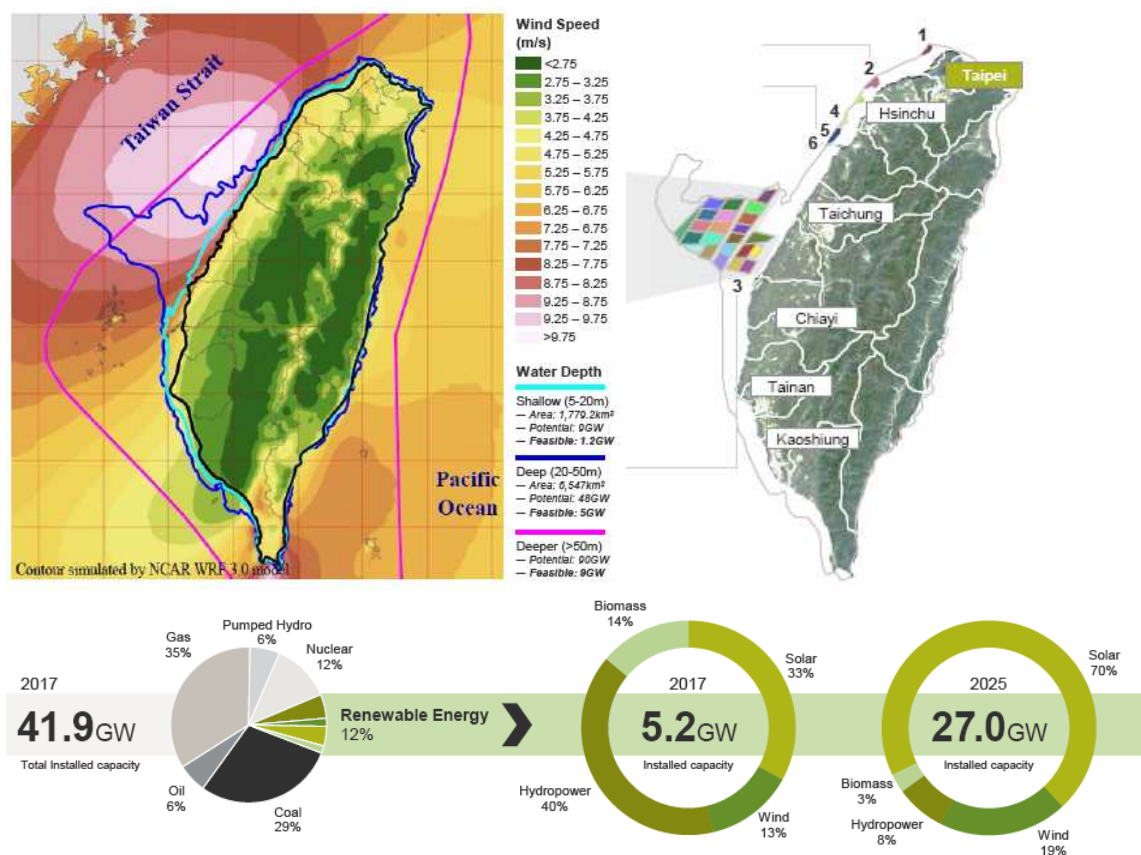


Fig. 15. Wind resource and depth chart, (top left), some already allocated areas and new power generation for Taiwan. Source: Green Investment group.

While of somewhat lower resource quality than Taiwan's, **Korea's** offshore potential also is attracting developers and the government has announced ambitious plans. Some analysts point to a shallow water potential that might justify bottom-fixed development (at wind speeds of 6.5 to 7.5 m/s, thus far from being counted as "high quality" by our analysis.). See Fig. 16.

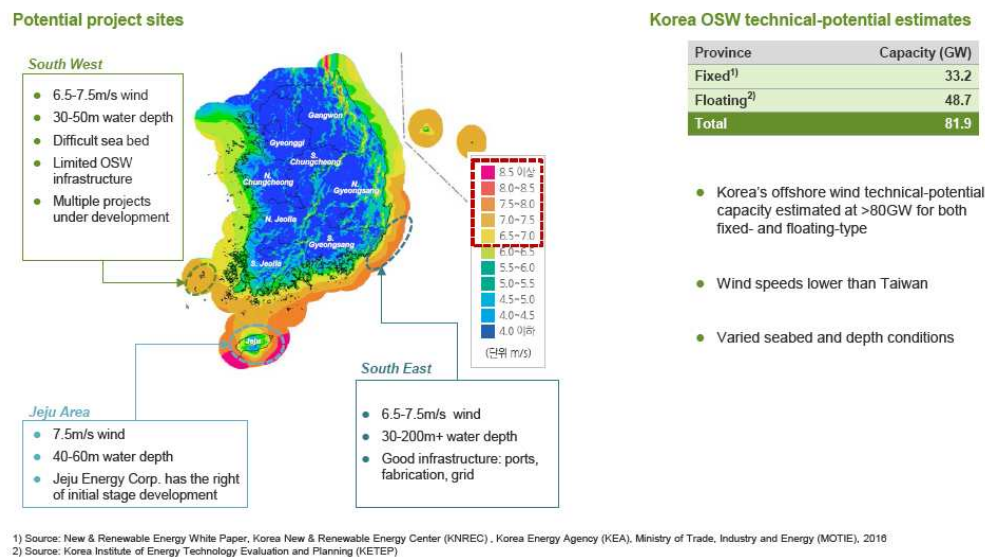


Fig. 16. Potential project areas and (independent) potential estimates for South Korea. Source: Green Investment Bank.

There are several uncertainties in planning, incentives and contract requirements that make progress in Korea so far slower than in Taiwan. According to recent reports, however, especially areas served from the major industrial and port city of Ulsan, on the east coast, might be proceeding faster than others ¹².

Globally, the high quality offshore wind resource is well distributed so that developments may be expected also beyond the countries taking the lead. Countries such as **South Africa**, **Chile** and **Argentina** have large high quality deepwater resources, much in excess of their current total generating capacities. These countries should have incentives for adopting floating wind when their (also substantial) onshore potential has been realised. This may be sooner than one might expect at the rapidly dropping cost of on-shore wind energy today).

Among developed economies with large high quality wind resource New Zealand and Iceland are small electricity systems of less than 10GW total installed capacity far from all continental grids. Thus, alternative blue-sky options (...hydrogen...) would need to be imagined for any of these to become key promoters deepwater offshore wind. Also, their industrial base is limited. For Ireland, much would depend on export to the UK and possibly French markets.

The situation for North America and for "Greater China" is quite different, when a high quality resource falling under several jurisdictions is examined together. Canada (even discounted, as applied here) has a large high-quality wind resource that may complement the US one.

As seen above, the deepwater resource of small but highly developed Taiwan is significant also relative to the Mainland (PRC) market, and of very high quality. These cases all confirm that cross-border issues are highly relevant in the assessment of deepwater offshore wind.

¹² H. K. Shin, Towards the 1GW floating offshore wind farm Ulsan, Korea - presentation at FOWT-2019 Montpellier 24-26 April 2019.

For **Norway**, prospects for exporting vast amounts of electricity from high quality deep-water wind resources could influence the development perspective if its national priorities change. The country's offshore wind resource is relatively well characterised and several multi-GW offshore wind park areas have been sketched and partly planned [5].

Norway's electricity sector is already carbon free (hydropower) but Norway's oil & gas export and ambitious commitment under the Paris agreement might promote "unique" policy options that, on their own, would make little sense elsewhere. The Hywind Tampen project, 11 8-MW floating turbines to supply windpower to hydrocarbon facilities in an area of the North Sea known as Tampen is a case in point. See Fig. 17.

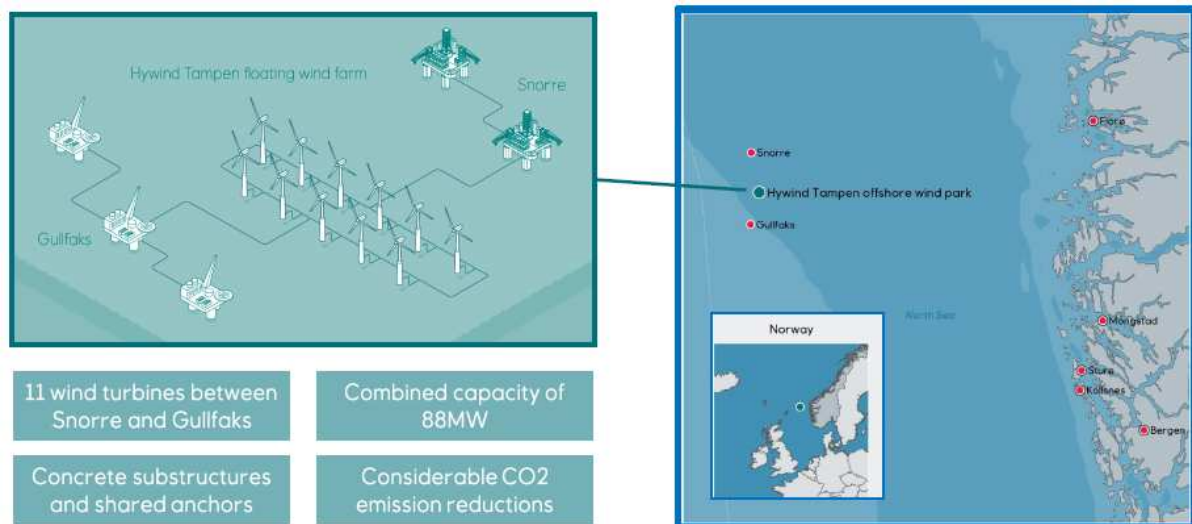


Fig. 17. The proposed Hywind Tampen 88 MW project: illustration and location in Norwegian North Sea. Source: Equinor.

The costs of Hywind Tampen, announced as NOK 5 billion, are lower per MW than the NOK 2 bn quoted for the Hywind Scotland 30 MW pilot array, by about 15% (NOK 56.8m/MW vs. NOK 66.7m/MW). Still, it corresponds to almost €5.9m / MW at current NOK exchange rates. Equinor has requested 50% co-funding from *Enova*, a national fund for energy efficiency, but the amount would consume the agency's entire annual budget. As of mid-2019 the FID (Final Investment Decision) for Hywind Tampen has been postponed to fourth quarter of 2019.

From 2005 to 2010, Norway was the world's leading promoter of floating wind with numerous independent technology developers¹³. Though not currently addressing the Norwegian power market, Equinor remains technology leader in floating with its spar-buoy technology, brought successfully to a TRL = 8 with the 30MW Hywind Scotland pilot array in November 2017. The company has also invested in and built several bottom-fixed offshore windfarms.

Very recently¹⁴, it was announced that Equinor was interested in building a 200 MW floating wind park off the island of Gran Canaria. While some international media reported that there was already a permit given, the actual processing of the case is currently in the hands of the Spanish authorities. Spain previously (2012) placed a *de facto* moratorium on offshore wind developments in the wake of the economic crisis.

¹³ Indeed, also W2Power has Norwegian roots, through its precursor company and former developer Pelagic Power AS (est. 2005).

¹⁴ "Equinor pide al Estado espacio para un parque eólico marino en las islas", 7Canarias newspaper, 01.06.2019.

4. CONCLUSIONS

The main conclusion on exploitation areas for deepwater wind is that a number of countries with high quality offshore wind resources could well justify a strong focus on the deepwater part of these:

The UK, Norway, Japan, Taiwan, Korea, the US, France and Greece (as well as Ireland) all have more than 75% of their high quality offshore wind resource in deepwater.

Countries with the highest resources in absolute numbers (Norway, Canada, Russia) have an even greater part of resources in deepwater. Russia is unlikely to be a lead developer but Norway and Canada might see export-driven initiatives vs. the adjoining EU and US markets.

Among big deepwater resource holders, exceptions to a deep-water focus are China, Brazil and Australia. They have large high quality resources in shallow waters as well.

Key countries for the market launch of deepwater wind are Japan, France and California. A major push for deep water needs at least one country's industry or market taking a leading position. For the UK, deepwater wind is one among several options, though Scotland has some of the best high quality deepwater resource in the world and limited shallow water.

In contrast to some other reports, this analysis indicates that deepwater wind is not likely to be driven primarily by market pull from the US or Chinese markets on their national levels, though California in the US and some coastal provinces of the PRC may very well take on leadership initiatives. The US and Chinese markets, both very large, will ultimately be open and important for floating wind, but may depend on other actors and countries breaking the cost barriers first. Currently, after Norway's Equinor, Japanese developers have the longest experience in terms of accomplishments, *i.e.* pilot demos at sea, but the highest activity in recent years has been in France. Several Regions in France are actively promoting "their" pilot arrays as a means of stimulating regional business.

Korea and Spain might also be positioned to be future leaders – not necessarily far behind Japan and France. Both have strong maritime industries and construction industry players, and Korea's world-leading role in building floating structures is a big advantage. Their high-quality offshore wind resources in deepwater are less than those of France and Japan, but could be more than sufficient to establish base markets from which industry could grow.

Norway has well qualified high-tech maritime industries, but is hampered by the reliance on oil & gas and resultant high cost in all sectors. Norway shares with Canada an abundance of low-cost hydropower in their power market, which structurally discourages all new renewable sources that will always cost more than hydropower. In addition to Equinor's global business, as well as that of Aker Solutions (part owner of Principle Power's Windfloat technology), the Norwegian maritime supply industry needs to mobilise in order to compensate for the lack of a home market for offshore wind so far. Norway could become a still more important mover, as might Canada, if the potential for major export of deepwater-wind-generated electricity to neighbouring markets, being respectively the EU & US, could be realised.

Taiwan is in an interesting position with greater deepwater high quality resources than in "mainland" China (PRC). Taiwan has a strong deep-water focus indicator and its market is comparable to Korea or Spain. It might even export power to the mainland, if cross-Straits politics improve.

In other parts of the world, there are good regional prospects, e.g. Chile, where a high-quality resource coexists with constraints on land and a fairly developed technology base. However, few countries in this category seem positioned to be world movers or leaders. Countries with huge resources - Brazil, Australia – face prioritising their challenges and have to their many other energy resources.

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Annex 1: Power generation capacity by countries

Below are the most recent available data for total installed power generation capacity in GW.

1 China	1646	73 Azerbaijan	7.42	145 Andorra	0.520
2 United States	1074	74 Slovakia	7.11	146 Namibia	0.514
3 European Union	975	75 Cuba	6.45	147 Macau	0.472
4 Japan	322	76 Puerto Rico	6.12	148 Guyana	0.438
5 India	309	77 Tajikistan	5.50	149 Suriname	0.435
6 Russia	264	78 Tunisia	5.03	150 Mauritania	0.412
7 Germany	204	79 Croatia	4.88	151 Malawi	0.373
8 Brazil	150	80 Burma	4.78	152 Equatorial Guinea	0.334
9 Canada	148	81 Laos	4.54	153 Fiji	0.333
10 France	129	82 Uruguay	4.41	154 Virgin Islands	0.316
11 Italy	117	83 Jordan	4.38	155 Haiti	0.313
12 Spain	107	84 Georgia	4.28	156 Burkina Faso	0.306
13 Korea, South	103	85 Bosnia and Herz.	4.24	157 Aruba	0.296
14 United Kingdom	95	86 Guatemala	4.07	158 Eswatini	0.281
15 Turkey	73	87 Armenia	4.07	159 Barbados	0.267
16 Iran	73	88 Sri Lanka	4.06	160 French Polynesia	0.249
17 Saudi Arabia	69	89 Turkmenistan	4.00	161 Togo	0.229
18 Australia	67	90 Bahrain	3.93	162 Benin	0.213
19 Mexico	65	91 Kyrgyzstan	3.89	163 Montenegro	0.192
20 Ukraine	57	92 Ghana	3.80	164 Belize	0.191
21 Indonesia	55	93 Slovenia	3.74	165 Greenland	0.187
22 Taiwan	49	94 Sudan	3.74	166 Niger	0.179
23 South Africa	47	95 Dominican Rep.	3.73	167 Bermuda	0.171
24 Vietnam	45	96 Lithuania	3.64	168 Cabo Verde	0.158
25 Thailand	41	97 Panama	3.20	169 West Bank	0.152
26 Sweden	40	98 Costa Rica	3.13	170 Rwanda	0.152
27 Egypt	39	99 Moldova	3.00	171 Eritrea	0.141
28 Poland	37	100 Latvia	2.94	172 Botswana	0.134
29 Argentina	37	101 Iceland	2.77	173 Cayman Islands	0.132
30 Netherlands	34	102 Ethiopia	2.70	174 Djibouti	0.130
31 Norway	34	103 Congo, Dem. Rep.	2.62	175 Faroe Islands	0.128
32 Malaysia	33	104 Mozambique	2.56	176 Liberia	0.125
33 Venezuela	32	105 Estonia	2.55	177 Gambia	0.114
34 United Arab Emirat	29	106 Honduras	2.50	178 Maldives	0.104
35 Iraq	28	107 Zambia	2.37	179 Saint Lucia	0.089
36 Austria	25	108 Lebanon	2.34	180 Seychelles	0.087
37 Romania	24	109 Kenya	2.25	181 Antigua and Barbuda	0.087
38 Pakistan	23	110 Zimbabwe	2.13	182 Somalia	0.081
39 Philippines	23	111 Trinidad & Tobago	2.12	183 Sierra Leone	0.081
40 Kazakhstan	22	112 Macedonia	2.06	184 Lesotho	0.080
41 Chile	22	113 Luxembourg	2.02	185 South Sudan	0.080
42 Czechia	22	114 Bolivia	1.99	186 Turks and Caicos I	0.079
43 Belgium	21	115 Cote d'Ivoire	1.90	187 Burundi	0.068
44 Portugal	19.63	116 Albania	1.90	188 St Kitts and Nevis	0.063
45 Switzerland	19.62	117 El Salvador	1.83	189 Western Sahara	0.058
46 Greece	18.94	118 Cyprus	1.74	190 Marshall Islands	0.052
47 Israel	17.22	119 Angola	1.70	191 Grenada	0.050
48 Algeria	17.12	120 Bhutan	1.62	192 St Vincent and the	0.048
49 Colombia	16.91	121 Kosovo	1.57	193 British Virgin Islanc	0.048
50 Finland	16.40	122 Cameroon	1.55	194 Chad	0.047
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52 Denmark	14.01	124 Yemen	1.53	196 Central African Rej	0.044
53 Singapore	13.35	125 Nicaragua	1.40	197 Gibraltar	0.043
54 Uzbekistan	12.93	126 Tanzania	1.19	198 American Samoa	0.041
55 Bulgaria	12.70	127 Mongolia	1.11	199 Solomon Islands	0.037
56 Hong Kong	12.65	128 Mauritius	1.06	200 Dominica	0.033
57 Peru	12.26	129 Nepal	0.97	201 Vanuatu	0.033
58 Bangladesh	11.84	130 Senegal	0.97	202 Guinea-Bissau	0.028
59 Nigeria	10.48	131 Uganda	0.92	203 St. Pierre and Miqu	0.028
60 Belarus	10.08	132 Jamaica	0.90	204 Comoros	0.026
61 Korea, North	10.00	133 Brunei	0.84	205 Sao Tome and Prir	0.020
62 Syria	9.61	134 Guinea	0.74	206 Micronesia, Federz	0.018
63 Ireland	9.56	135 Gabon	0.67	207 Tonga	0.017
64 Libya	9.46	136 Malta	0.67	208 Cook Islands	0.010
65 New Zealand	9.28	137 Madagascar	0.67	209 Falkland Islands	0.010
66 Paraguay	8.87	138 Afghanistan	0.60	210 Kiribati	0.008
67 Qatar	8.84	139 Papua New Guinea	0.60	211 Saint Helena, Asce	0.008
68 Hungary	8.47	140 Mali	0.59	212 Tuvalu	0.005
69 Morocco	8.04	141 Bahamas	0.58	213 Nauru	0.005
70 Oman	7.87	142 New Caledonia	0.56	214 Montserrat	0.005
71 Serbia	7.59	143 Guam	0.55	215 Niue	0.001
72 Ecuador	7.44	144 Congo, Rep.	0.55	all 214 countries - EU	6390

Source: CIA World Energy Factbook, most data from 2016 (some are 2015 estimates)

6. Annex 2: Indicators developed

The analysis allowed a ranking of countries' offshore wind resources by depth and quality. We could achieve a ranking by high quality offshore wind resource for deep waters.

An important purpose of this study was to search for consistent predictions for what countries might be the most active and/or first to develop its deep water wind resource, necessarily by floating technology. To assist with selecting, a set of secondary indicators was introduced to help in ascertaining the importance of the resource, especially in deep water. Such indicators could be defined in response to the following three questions:

1. How **"important"** could high quality offshore wind be in a country's energy system?
2. How **"urgent"** is moving to offshore, in view of developed on-shore wind resources?
3. How much of the sought-after high quality resource exists **in deepwater**?

The indicators corresponding to these three questions together will allow identifying countries most favoured for deepwater offshore wind developments.

The "Importance" indicator I1:

$I1 = \text{high quality offshore wind resource} / \text{total power generation capacity}$

The "Urgency" indicator I2:

$I2 = \text{high quality offshore wind resource} / \text{onshore wind already installed}$

The "Deepwater Focus" indicator I3:

$I3 = \text{fraction of high quality resource in deep water, taking into account } I1 \text{ and } I2$

Some values for the three indicators are given in Table A1 and commented below.

Table A1. Top countries with high quality offshore wind resource and calculated values for Indicators I1, I2 and I3. (Data for onshore wind are 2016, source: GWEC). Note – total GW and onshore wind GW not updated from v1.1.

	high-value wind GW	total GW installed	on-shore wind GW	I1	I2	I3
Russia	4,542	226.4	0.1	20.06	45417	84%
Canada	3,900	145.8	11.9	26.74	328	93%
Norway	3,503	32.8	0.9	106.94	3893	96%
Australia	2,482	62.3	4.3	39.84	577	74%
United Kingdom	2,372	85.6	14.5	27.71	164	78%
Japan	1,274	311.4	3.2	4.09	398	98%
Argentina	924	36.6	0.3	25.23	3080	92%
Brazil	874	128.7	10.7	6.79	82	59%
Ireland	810	4.7	2.8	171.90	289	95%
China	614	1,223.4	169.0	0.50	4	50%
Taiwan	613	48.4	0.7	12.67	875	81%
South Africa	596	46.0	1.5	12.96	397	97%
Chile	399	18.9	1.4	21.12	285	90%
France	397	124.0	12.1	3.20	33	78%
United States (48)	313	1,039.0	82.2	0.30	4	79%
Netherlands	261	26.6	4.3	9.82	61	0%
Denmark	248	14.5	5.2	17.12	48	8%
Germany	124	153.0	50.0	0.81	2	0%

Comments on I1, the "Importance" indicator:

This ratio illustrates how important is high quality offshore wind in a country's energy system.

Japan, France, Australia (and the Netherlands, for shallow water) could easily cover more than their energy need from high-quality offshore wind alone. US and China (and Germany for shallow water) could get up to 30-60% of their current electricity generation needs from this clean source.

This ratio can also tell if high quality offshore wind resources are an export proposition. Countries with a lot of high quality offshore wind and within a continental power system would see export potential. Notable examples are Norway and Canada. Canada may see electricity export opportunities to the US, Norway (and theoretically Russia) could see the same to the EU-27, and in a better political situation, so could perhaps Taiwan to the PRC.

The I1 indicator could also be used as a "sufficiency" indicator: How much of a country's high-quality resource does it need to develop to reach goals?

A case in point is Japan: it would need to develop only $(1/4.1) = 24\%$ of its high quality wind resource offshore to match its current total generation capacity. However, the US – even if the unlikely case of developing all of its high-quality resource – could "only" reach 1/3 of current installed capacity.

Comments on I2, the "Urgency" indicator:

The ratio of offshore high quality wind potential to already installed onshore wind tells about the "urgency" of accessing new resources.

Countries that already have installed a high onshore wind capacity would see going offshore as more urgent than countries who are just starting up with onshore wind farms.

- The low value for USA, China, France (and DE/DK/NL for shallow water) indicates this.
- The UK in this respect falls in an intermediate group together with Japan and Brazil
- Some countries with >1000 scores for this indicator and large, unpopulated land area (Russia, Argentina, Australia) might choose to develop their onshore wind resources first. Others (Chile, Taiwan) may have local limits (earthquakes, typhoons) favouring offshore.

Comments on I3:

This is less of an indicator than I1 and I2 as it does not capture resource size. As seen in the analysis of individual countries, there is a challenge to identify countries "forced to go deep", not merely "forced to go offshore" for developing wind power. Clearly this is a subject that could be further explored, but it was not required for the very clear cut case of identifying the six "Forced to go deep" countries. In addition to resources, alternatives (perceived or real) in terms of low-carbon energy would need to be taken into account. The value chain of floating wind is different from that of fixed foundation developments, more like the maritime (formerly shipbuilding) industry, so parameters related to industrial structure might be drawn upon. It is interesting to note that France, Norway, Spain, Japan and Korea all have sizeable maritime construction sectors which could be taken into account in developing floating wind.

7. Annex 3: Data tables.

Resource classification for offshore wind by country, sea depth, and wind resource quality approximated by estimated capacity factors (% of totally available full load hours). Data first published by NREL and DTU [3], re-organised and re-interpreted by 1-Tech ©2012-2019.

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		Global offshore wind resource potential GW																										
SHEET 1		SHALLOW WATER 0-30 m				Total GW MEDIUM DEEP 30-60 m				Total GW DEEP WATER 60-1000 m				Total GW		Total GW				High quality resource								
est. capacity factor		34-38%	38-42%	42-46%	>46%	Shallow	34-38%	38-42%	42-46%	>46%	Interm.	34-38%	38-42%	42-46%	>46%	Deep	offshore	%	GW	% of all								
Albania		0	0	0	0	0	0.02	0	0	0	0.02	13.1	14.78	0	0	27.88	27.90	0.0%										
Algeria		0	0	0	0	0	0.08	0	0	0	0.08	5.18	0	0	0	5.18	5.26	0.0%										
Angola		0	0	0.02	0	0.02	0	0.66	0.48	0	1.14	0	7.52	16.86	1.18	25.56	26.72	0.0%										
Argentina		2.34	47.6	220.6	25.94	296.48	3.6	74.26	385	48.82	511.68	44.28	255.56	1,053.60	849.22	2,202.60	3,010.80	4.9%	924	3.1%								
Australia		159.02	257.74	268.1	157.2	842.06	94.2	342.56	309.26	483.24	1229.3	80.88	255.38	1,199.10	1841.9	3,377.30	5,448.60	8.9%	2,482	8.3%								
Bahamas		90.36	36	0.06	0	126.42	4.14	5.28	0.02	0	9.44	99.62	137.3	9.26	0	246.18	382.04	0.6%										
Barbados		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.14	16.40	16.54	16.54	0.0%	16	0.1%								
Belgium		0	0	0	12.48	12.48	0	0	0	3.18	3.18	0	0	0	0	0.00	15.66	0.0%	16	0.1%								
Belize		0	2.8	0.66	0.04	3.5	0	0.06	0.12	0	0.18	0	3.02	9.5	0	12.52	16.20	0.0%										
Brazil		34.4	197.66	481.12	200.52	913.7	21.16	152.62	373.72	158.72	706.22	193.32	333.94	307.28	514.46	1,349	2,968.90	4.9%	874	2.9%								
Bulgaria		1.4	0	0	0	1.4	5.74	0.54	0	0	6.28	27.02	1.36	0	0	28.38	36.06	0.1%										
Cameroon		0.58	0	0	0	0.58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.58	0.0%										
Canada		0.1	1.2	9.44	36.94	47.68	2.06	9.74	85.58	223.64	321.02	17.42	329.2	529.98	3639.1	4,515.70	4,884.40	8.0%	3,900	13.1%								
Cape Verde		0	0.62	0	0	0.62	0	1.76	0.02	0	1.78	0.12	21.72	1.6	0	23.44	25.84	0.0%										
Chile		0	0.00	1.32	11.52	12.84	0	0.18	5.78	28.86	34.82	6.42	59.10	170	358	594	641.82	1.1%	399	1.3%								
China		71.86	116.68	31.42	96.30	316.26	76.20	318.28	149.54	212.42	756	55.12	202.30	565	305	1,127	2,199.80	3.6%	614	2.1%								
Colombia		0.26	0.04	0	18.66	18.96	1.16	0.26	0.02	19.98	21.42	7.66	8.5	4.20	93.86	114	154.60	0.3%	133	0.4%								
Costa Rica		0	0	0.1	0.00	0.1	0.00	0.00	0.14	0	0.14	4.16	15.78	7.66	0	27.6	27.84	0.0%										
Croatia		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.0%										
Cuba		29.28	11.18	0	0	40.46	1.94	0.92	0	0	2.86	48.78	34.24	3.22	0	86.24	129.56	0.2%										
Denmark		0	0	0	64.44	64.44	0	0	0.98	162.56	163.54	0	0	7.04	20.84	27.88	255.86	0.4%	248	0.8%								
Dominican Republic		0	0.06	18.72	0.18	18.96	0	0.08	1.5	0.02	1.6	0	2.32	41.26	8.54	52.12	72.68	0.1%										
Ecuador		0.3	0	0	0	0.3	1.26	0	0	0	1.26	0.16	0	0	0	0.16	1.72	0.0%										
Egypt		0	0	0.38	0	0.38	0	0	0.32	0	0.32	19.2	35.72	16.52	0	71.44	72.14	0.1%										
Eritrea		0.1	0.78	0.44	0	1.32	3.04	12.46	0.74	0	16.24	3.18	12.78	0.78	0	16.74	34.30	0.1%										
Estonia		0	0	3.94	0	3.94	0	0	15.12	0	15.12	0	0	31.38	0	31.38	50.44	0.1%										
Fiji		1.84	22.22	11.68	0	35.74	1.06	16.88	9.38	0	27.32	0.08	98.8	149.9	0	248.78	311.84	0.5%										
Finland		0	0.3	4.48	1.52	6.3	0	2.00	24.64	2.74	29.38	0	5.18	90.18	0.24	95.6	131.28	0.2%										
France		0	4.48	17.4	24.54	46.42	0	25.84	46.72	62.16	134.72	2.78	49.08	205.84	310.38	568.08	749.22	1.2%	397	1.3%								
French Polynesia		0.2	1.54	0.98	0	2.72	0.14	0.46	0.76	0	1.36	5.12	39.86	14.64	0.84	60.46	64.54	0.1%										
Germany		0	0	0	27.54	27.54	0	0	0	96.8	96.8	0	0	0	0	0	124.34	0.2%	124	0.4%								
Greece		0	0	0.1	0	0.1	0.1	0	0.02	1.76	1.88	51.8	116.5	164.36	33.02	365.68	367.66	0.6%	35	0.1%								
Guadeloupe and Martin		0	0	0.02	0.06	0.08	0	0	0.1	0.5	0.6	0	0	19.98	7.18	27.16	27.84	0.0%										
Guatemala		0	0.64	0	0	0.64	0.00	0.14	0	0	0.14	0	0.78	0	0	0.78	1.56	0.0%										
Guyana		46.52	55.7	0	0	102.22	0.94	105.46	0	0	106.4	0	82.22	1.9	0	84.12	292.74	0.5%										
Haiti		0	0.72	0	0	0.72	0	0.14	0	0	0.14	0	4.86	4.54	0.48	9.88	10.74	0.0%										
Honduras		0	7.44	141.84	0.68	149.96	0	1.06	61.12	0.68	62.86	0	12.64	156.6	0.06	169.3	382.12	0.6%										
Iceland		0	0	0	1.52	1.52	0	0	0	17.9	17.9	0	0	0	1,440.00	1,440.00	1,459.40	2.4%	1,459	4.9%								
India		9.6	11.6	13.06	3.6	37.86	10.56	3.86	15.58	5.72	35.72	29.04	18.2	36.82	3.98	88.04	161.62	0.3%	13	0.0%								
Indonesia		70.08	120.92	268.08	0	459.08	75.88	240.52	7.82	0	324.22	276.82	321.06	19.9	0	617.78	1,401.10	2.3%										
Ireland		0	0	0	5.1	5.1	0	0	0	34.28	34.28	0	0	0	770.28	770.28	809.66	1.3%	810	2.7%								
Italy		0	0.2	0	0	0.2	1.2	2.9	0	0	4.1	188.34	150.2	0	0	338.54	342.84	0.6%										
Jamaica		0	11.44	22.68	4.56	38.68	0	2.26	4.1	1.24	7.6	0.68	38.92	36.02	18.64	94.26	140.54	0.2%										
Japan		1.48	0.48	1.22	2.24	5.42	2.16	8.56	8.68	19.46	38.86	31.64	189.9	941.74	1,252.00	2,415.20	2,459.50	4.0%	1,274	4.3%								
Kenya		0	2.12	0	0	2.12	0	1.9	0	0	1.9	13.66	99.4	0	0	113.06	117.08	0.2%										
Latvia		0	0	10.08	0	10.08	0	0	33.46	0	33.46	0	0	61.38	0	61.38	104.92	0.2%										
Libya		0	0.06	0	0	0.06	0.62	0.82	0	0	1.44	13.4	12.68	0	0	26.08	27.58	0.0%										
Lithuania		0	0	1.04	0	1.04	0	0.08	14.94	0	15.02	0	0	10.9	0	10.9	26.96	0.0%										
Madagascar		2.82	2.46	1.42	10.82	17.52	8.36	14.74	1.8	34.34	59.24	8.18	41.12	14.08	107.68	171.06	247.82	0.4%	153	0.5%								

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SHEET 1	SHALLOW WATER 0-30 m				Total GW MEDIUM DEEP 30-60 m				Total GW DEEP WATER 60-1000 m				Total GW	Total GW		High quality resource				
est. capacity factor	34-38%	38-42%	42-46%	>46%	Shallow	34-38%	38-42%	42-46%	>46%	Interm.	34-38%	38-42%	42-46%	>46%	Deep	offshore	%	GW	% of all	
Malta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39.7	0	0	0	39.7	39.70	0.1%			
Mauritania	15.32	0.48	0	0	15.8	1.8	0	0	0	1.8	12.06	0.8	0	0	12.86	30.46	0.0%			
Mauritius	0	0	0	8.84	8.84	0	0	0	48.46	48.46	0	0	0.14	236.26	236.4	293.70	0.5%	294	1.0%	
Mexico	64.16	130.02	3.4	0.66	198.24	82.74	279.44	7.1	3.22	372.5	193.34	290.88	105.98	8.54	598.74	1,169.50	1.9%			
Morocco	0.06	0.52	0.64	0	1.22	15.06	11.94	5.1	0	32.1	65.88	92.4	51.96	0	210.24	243.56	0.4%			
Mozambique	28.88	1.26	2.76	0	32.9	79.68	2.48	10.48	0	92.64	83	73.64	209.18	18.6	384.42	509.96	0.8%			
Namibia	0	0	0	0	0	0.02	0.02	0.16	0	0.2	58.7	130.2	89.92	1.56	280.38	280.58	0.5%			
Netherlands	0	0	0	110.14	110.14	0	0	0	150.9	150.9	0	0	0	0.04	0.04	261.08	0.4%	261	0.9%	
Netherlands Antilles	0	0	0	0.02	0.02	0	0	0	0.98	0.98	0	0	0	27.14	27.14	28.14	0.0%			
New Caledonia	0	0.06	19.86	0	19.92	0	0.06	36.26	0	36.32	0	1	297.76	0.46	299.22	355.46	0.6%			
New Zealand	2.94	6.9	1.24	24.32	35.4	7.44	14.3	7.86	87.64	117.24	33.44	131.16	357.34	2,748.10	3,270.10	3,422.70	5.6%	2,860	9.6%	
Nicaragua	6.04	27.02	167.96	0	201.02	7.84	5.22	11.26	0	24.32	14.52	42.28	39.66	1.42	97.88	323.22	0.5%			
Nigeria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.0%			
North Korea	0.96	0	0	0	0.96	9.48	0	0	0	9.48	14.86	0	0	0	14.86	25.30	0.0%			
Northern Mariana Islan	0	0	0.98	0	0.98	0	0	0.3	0	0.3	0	0	26.16	0	26.16	27.44	0.0%			
Norway	0	0	0.46	4.96	5.42	0	0.3	14.54	148.46	163.3	0.72	15.86	99.44	3,350.00	3,466.00	3,634.80	6.0%	3,503	11.8%	
Oman	0.06	0.3	0.02	0	0.38	0.26	2.26	0.02	0	2.54	2.7	5.8	0.14	0	8.64	11.56	0.0%			
Panama	0.28	0.38	0	0	0.66	0.22	0.98	0	0	1.2	5.9	4.1	0	0	10	11.86	0.0%			
Papua New Guinea	10.82	102.48	93.64	1.24	208.18	11.22	33.64	3.18	0.02	48.06	55.38	149.56	36.12	0.96	242.02	498.26	0.8%			
Peru	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02	0	0	0	0.02	0.02	0.0%			
Philippines	3.92	30.24	0.68	0.16	35	0.62	22.8	0.86	0.42	24.7	12.28	91.8	32.42	71.46	207.96	267.66	0.4%			
Poland	0.96	0.02	12.66	0	13.64	0	0	32.28	0	32.28	0	0	67.84	0	67.84	113.76	0.2%			
Portugal	0	0.12	0.54	0	0.66	0	7.18	4.14	0	11.32	17.04	26.36	113.86	0	157.26	169.24	0.3%			
Puerto Rico and U.S. V	0	0	1.7	0	1.7	0	0	3.1	0.18	3.28	0	0	37.38	4.1	41.48	46.46	0.1%			
Reunion	0	0	0.22	0	0.22	0	0	0.16	0	0.16	0	0	0.9	1.38	2.28	2.66	0.0%			
Romania	2.82	0	0	0	2.82	27.62	19.72	0	0	47.34	4.86	74.08	0	0	78.94	129.10	0.2%			
Russia	7.3	70.9	47.6	138.22	264.02	30.48	90.8	164.52	586.46	872.26	217.62	622.48	1,474.90	3,817	6,132.00	7,268.30	11.9%	4,542	15.3%	
Samoa	0	0	0.02	0	0.02	0	0.04	0.08	0	0.12	0	5	2.98	0	7.98	8.12	0.0%			
Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15.06	21.3	0	0	36.36	36.36	0.1%			
Solomon Islands	0.04	2.1	1.24	0	3.38	0.02	1.54	0.42	0	1.98	22.6	36.68	7.26	0	66.54	71.90	0.1%			
Somalia	0	0	0.42	0.92	1.34	0	0	7.98	19.08	27.06	4.84	70.42	70.3	157.02	302.58	330.98	0.5%			
South Africa	0.12	0.02	0	1.28	1.42	0.18	1.2	0.64	17.5	19.52	46.54	111.8	143.48	576.94	878.76	899.70	1.5%	596	2.0%	
South Korea	0.14	0.36	1.46	0	1.96	25.56	33.06	9.94	0.14	68.7	44.9	129.8	190.26	65.7	430.66	501.32	0.8%	66	0.2%	
Spain	3.04	8.08	3.22	7.02	21.36	2.3	4.22	1.98	1.42	9.92	100.94	77.88	27.68	79.34	285.84	317.12	0.5%	88	0.3%	
Sri Lanka	9.22	12.9	11.86	2	35.98	4.58	13.38	3.68	2.68	24.32	13.12	19.48	27.38	5.9	65.88	126.18	0.2%			
Suriname	61.08	2.96	0	0	64.04	84.5	37.54	0	0	122.04	3.04	127.8	0	0	130.84	316.92	0.5%			
Sweden	2.16	0.92	18.72	0	21.8	3.92	13.6	120.64	0	138.16	0.44	17.32	239.58	2.3	259.64	419.60	0.7%			
Taiwan	0	0	0	44.74	44.74	0	0	0.1	68.96	69.06	0	0.18	39.4	498.9	538.48	652.28	1.1%	613	2.1%	
Tanzania	0.62	2.74	0	0	3.36	0.56	1	0	0	1.56	40.06	5.74	0	0	45.8	50.72	0.1%			
Trinidad and Tobago	2.3	2.7	2.82	0	7.82	0	2.24	33.6	0	35.84	0.04	12.08	80.96	0	93.08	136.74	0.2%			
Tunisia	1.62	0.96	0	0	2.58	18.12	8.54	0.56	0	27.22	58.86	174.72	2.86	0	236.44	266.24	0.4%			
Turkey	0	0	0	0.02	0.02	0	0	0	0.14	0.14	0	0.48	0.94	2.9	4.32	4.48	0.0%			
Ukraine	51.72	94.56	0	0	146.28	19.56	64.82	0	0	84.38	17.22	62.58	0	0	79.8	310.46	0.5%			
United Kingdom	0	0	53.88	113.96	167.84	0	0	46.28	417.48	463.76	0	0	0.54	1,840.90	1,841.40	2,473.00	4.1%	2,372	8.0%	
United States (48)	33.16	128.34	56.88	15.68	234.06	7.8	285.56	52	49.22	394.58	107.86	700.18	404.82	248.2	1,461.10	2,089.70	3.4%	313	1.1%	
Uruguay	0	121.32	26.1	0	147.42	0	86.1	7.64	0	93.74	0	59.48	51	5.4	115.88	357.04	0.6%			
Vanuatu	0	0	0.06	0	0.06	0	0	0.1	0	0.1	0	21.58	83.24	11.68	116.5	116.66	0.2%			
Venezuela	10.58	23.4	1.1	55.24	90.32	10.14	62.76	20.08	14.78	107.76	29.98	159.2	108.98	73.22	371.38	569.46	0.9%	143	0.5%	
Viet Nam	47.12	54.64	69.1	25.58	196.44	75.58	70.78	74.46	59.2	280.02	81.02	122.06	101.3	161.36	465.74	942.20	1.5%	246	0.8%	
Western Sahara	10.02	17.26	2.8	0	30.08	27	70.36	17.52	0	114.88	9.7	158.44	96.52	0	264.66	409.62	0.7%			
Yemen	1.02	2.96	3.06	0	7.04	1.8	7.46	15.16	0	24.42	12.04	13.34	74.86	0	100.24	131.70	0.2%			
Unassigned*	72.38	120.34	195.32	479.1	867.14	80.36	86.42	123.64	1,122.90	1,413.40	248	723.28	1,044.60	8,900.40	10,916	13,197.00	21.6%	10,502		
Global Total	973.4	1,881.90	2,332.80	1,740.50	6,928.70	952.08	2,689.00	2,395.30	4,419.30	10,455	2,935.40	7,595.10	11,743	34,511	56,785	74,169.00		40,269		
Without Unassigned	901.02	1761.56	2137.48	1261.4	6061.56	871.72	2602.58	2271.66	3296.4	9041.6	2687.4	6871.82	10698.4	25610.6	45869	60,972.00	100.0%	29,766	100.0%	

